



Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Program

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INTRODUCTION

The Cystic Fibrosis (CF) proficiency testing (PT) report is the quarterly summary of all data reported within the specified data-reporting period for Quarter 2, 2005. The attached tables provide the certification profiles (Immunoreactive Trypsinogen and DNA) for the distributed specimens, the verification of your reported data, the statistical analysis of the quantitative data, and the frequency distributions summary for presumptive clinical (qualitative) assessments. We distribute this PT report to all participants, state laboratory directors, and program colleagues by request.

On April 4, 2005, a panel of five unknown dried-blood-spot (DBS) specimens enriched with predetermined concentrations of IRT was distributed to 11 laboratories in the United States and 48 laboratories in other countries.

PARTICIPANTS' RESULTS

We processed data from 49 participants. Laboratories were asked to report IRT results in ng/mL blood. For the statistical summary analysis, we did not include data that were outside the 99% confidence interval. There were eleven outliers for this survey. Results of our evaluation suggest that the endogenous level of IRT was less than 15 ng/mL blood.

Sixteen laboratories reported using Delfia to measure IRT, 23 used AutoDelfia, 2 used MP Biomedicals (ICN), 3 used BioRad Quantase, and the remaining 5 reported using "other." The expected IRT values are based on CDC assayed values. IRT is stable in the dried blood matrix. Table 1 illustrates comparability of the recovery of IRT from each specimen by method.

Presumptive clinical classifications (qualitative assessments) may differ by participant because of specific

assessment practices. For participants that have provided us with their IRT cutoff value, we applied that cutoff in our final appraisal of the error judgment. Overall, participants reported one false-positive clinical assessment and no false-negative clinical assessments. Domestic and foreign laboratories reported various cutoffs for IRT. The median and mode cutoffs for domestic participants were 96.5 ng/mL blood and 90 ng/mL blood, respectively. The median and mode cutoffs for foreign participants were 72.4 ng/mL blood and 70 ng/mL blood, respectively.

We distributed DBS specimens containing DNA from Epstein-Barr virus-transformed lymphoblastoid cell lines homozygous for $\Delta F508$ in a sheep whole blood matrix (specimens 2583 and 2585). These specimens were enriched with IRT to create proficiency testing materials that expressed both phenotype (elevated IRT) and genotype ($\Delta F508$) for CF.

Participants were asked to confirm specimens that screened IRT positive. Sixteen laboratories reported DNA confirmatory results. Five laboratories reported using PCR amplification of DNA, 1 used Roche Linear Array, 1 used Innogenetics Auto-Lipa method, 2 used Innogenetics Inno-Lipa method, 1 used Tm Biosciences Tag-It Cystic Fibrosis kit, 3 used Oligonucleotide Ligation Assays, and 3 did not specify a method. There were no misclassifications of CF confirmed clinical assessments. One laboratory could not report data for specimen 2485 because of problems with amplification. One laboratory could not report data for both specimens 2483 and 2485 because of problems with amplification. We are continuing to evaluate our methods for preparing these specimens to avoid amplification failures by participants. ❖

The Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Program will ship next quarter's Cystic Fibrosis PT specimens on July 11, 2005. ❖

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CYSTIC FIBROSIS - IRT

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SPECIMEN CERTIFICATION - IRT

CDC ASSAYED LEVELS

Analyte	Specimen 2581	Specimen 2582	Specimen 2583	Specimen 2584	Specimen 2585
Immunoreactive Trypsinogen CDC Mean Assayed Value (ng/mL blood)	20.1 ± 3.1	36.2 ± 2.8	304.2 ± 44.2	11.3 ± 1.8	180.2 ± 14.1

EXPECTED PRESUMPTIVE CLINICAL ASSESSMENTS

Disorder	Specimen 2581	Specimen 2582	Specimen 2583	Specimen 2584	Specimen 2585
Cystic Fibrosis	1	1	2	1	2

01 = within normal limits

02 = outside normal limits

NE = clinical assessment not evaluated

DATA VERIFICATION

Analyte	Specimen 2581		Specimen 2582		Specimen 2583		Specimen 2584		Specimen 2585	
Immunoreactive Trypsinogen (ng/mL blood)	Result	Code	Result	Code	Result	Code	Result	Code	Result	Code

01 = within normal limits

02 = outside normal limits

NE = clinical assessment not evaluated

Reviewer's Comments

EVALUATION:

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OVERALL STATISTICS - IRT

Specimen	N*	Outliers	Mean	UL (95%)	LL (95%)
2581	48	1	19.7	28.3	11.1
2582	46	3	38.1	49.3	27
2583	47	2	282.5	412.2	152.8
2584	45	4	11.4	15.8	6.9
2585	46	3	172.1	251.1	93.2

* Outliers are not included in N.

UL = upper limit

LL = lower limit

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS' CLINICAL ASSESSMENTS

Specimen	Within Normal Limits	Outside Normal Limits
2581	48	1
2582	49	0
2583	0	49
2584	49	0
2585	0	49

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CYSTIC FIBROSIS - DNA

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SPECIMEN CERTIFICATION - DNA

CDC IDENTIFIED GENOTYPES

Analyte	Specimen 2581	Specimen 2582	Specimen 2583	Specimen 2584	Specimen 2585
DNA	Wild Type (Normal)	Wild Type (Normal)	Δ F508/ Δ F508	Wild Type (Normal)	Δ F508/ Δ F508

EXPECTED DNA CONFIRMED CLINICAL ASSESSMENTS

Disorder	Specimen 2581	Specimen 2582	Specimen 2583	Specimen 2584	Specimen 2585
Cystic Fibrosis	1, 4	1, 4	2	1, 4	2

1 = wild type (normal)

2 = cystic fibrosis positive

3 = cystic fibrosis carrier

4 = not tested

DATA VERIFICATION

Analyte	Specimen 2581		Specimen 2582		Specimen 2583		Specimen 2584		Specimen 2585	
	Result	Code	Result	Code	Result	Code	Result	Code	Result	Code
DNA										

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SUMMARY OF PARTICIPANTS' GENOTYPES

Specimen	Genotype	N
2581	Wild Type/Wild Type	4
2582	Wild Type/Wild Type	4
2583	Δ F508/ Δ F508	16
2584	Wild Type/Wild Type	4
2585	Δ F508/ Δ F508	15

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS' CLINICAL ASSESSMENTS

Specimen	Wild Type (Normal)	Cystic Fibrosis Positive	Cystic Fibrosis Carrier	Not Tested
2581	4	0	0	13
2582	4	0	0	13
2583	0	16	0	0
2584	4	0	0	13
2585	0	15	0	0

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IMMUNOREACTIVE TRYPSINOGEN BY METHOD

Table 1. Recovery of IRT (ng/mL blood) by method

Specimen No.	Specimen 2581	Specimen 2582	Specimen 2583	Specimen 2584	Specimen 2585
Expected Value	20.1	36.2	304.2	11.3	180.2
Method (N)					
Delfia (16)	20.8 ± 3.0	37.1 ± 6.4	286.4 ± 42.9	12.3 ± 4.8	178.8 ± 28.8
AutoDelfia (23)	19.6 ± 3.3	40.5 ± 5.4	305.0 ± 33.9	11.5 ± 1.4	185.4 ± 27.8
MP (ICN) (2)	26.9 ± 5.5	38.9 ± 2.5	343.8 ± 149.6	18.5 ± 1.1	276.0 ± 79.9
Bio-Rad (3)	12.5 ± 2.7	31.2 ± 3.6	221.0 ± 73.3	10.8 ± 3.2	113.2 ± 41.3
Other (5)	18.1 ± 6.9	33.5 ± 12.2	106.0 ± 48.1	7.5 ± 0.7	71.0 ± 45.3

N = Number of observations